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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of patent application serial No. 10/202,435, filed July 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,604,394 B2; which is a continuation of patent application 09/784,228, filed February 13, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,474,122; which is a continuation-in-part of patent application serial No. 09/491,488, filed January 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,615,625 B2, the priority of which is hereby claimed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The cylinder 214 is comprised of a front portion 268 and a rear portion 269. The front portion 268 and rear portion 269 are arranged longitudinally, interconnected for mutual rotation by mating engagement of longitudinally extending protrusions 268b and protrusions 269b spaced about the periphery, respectively, of the front portion and the rear portion, and connected together using a snap ring 279 which fits in the grooves 273 and 275 of the front portion and rear portion, respectively. The cylinder 214 is retained within the shell 216 by means of another split ring 219 which is attached to an annular groove 221 around the rear portion 269 (see FIGS. 16 and 17).